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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING
& HANDGUN VIOLATIONS**

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Michael Beers, age 21, of Baltimore, Maryland was sentenced today by Judge Marvin J. Garbis to serve a 235 month sentence for possession with intent to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine and over 500 grams of powder cocaine, and for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The defendant's incarceration is followed by 5 years of supervised release.

According to the plea agreement presented to the court, on May 17, 2002 the Baltimore City police arrested Beers for possession of controlled substances. The police searched Beer's residence after the arrest uncovered a 9 MM Intratec Model AB10 pistol.

On June 5, 2002 the Baltimore County police arrested Beers at the Logan Village Shopping Center in Baltimore County and recovered one bag containing 55 grams of powder cocaine and another bag containing 55 grams of crack cocaine. The police also searched the defendant's car and located a hidden compartment which contained three bags with 500 grams of powder cocaine.

The defendant pled guilty on January 2, 2003.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore County Police Department and the Baltimore City Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Charles J. Peters.

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